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The wild beets of Egypt are considered to be some of the most primitive. Because of the long history of farming in Egypt, it was anticipated that few wild types would be found. On the contrary, many were found, due mainly to their use as a leaf vegetable by local farmers. Collections were made at selected locations scattered throughout the Delta area, west to Matruh, in the Fayyum area of Middle Egypt, and in the Luxor area of Upper Egypt. A more intensive collection effort was made around the Alexandria area. A total of 26 locations were sampled. Wild beets appear to be distributed throughout the Delta. They were more sparsely distributed in the Fayyum and Luxor areas, where farmers were found collecting and growing wild beets as a green vegetable. In these areas, the farmers are serving as a means of preserving the wild *Beta* germplasm; however, their actions may have exerted selection pressure for leaf type beets.